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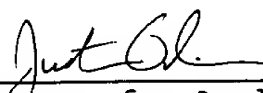
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The Japanese documents are discussed at least on pages 1 and 2 of the specification and may be pertinent for the reasons discussed therein.

An English language translation of pertinent portions of the Japanese language patent documents will be provided at the Examiner's request. An English language Abstract for each of the Japanese language patent documents is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants submit that no fee is required for consideration of this information since, to the best of their knowledge, no Office Action on the merits has been mailed. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees necessary for consideration of this information to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSIDERATION
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment that the Examiner has considered the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 16, 2000, in connection with the above-identified application. A re-executed copy of that Statement and a copy of a stamped postcard receipt, indicating the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's receipt of the Statement, are attached.


The March 16 Statement was filed prior to the issuance of a first Office Action. However, Applicants have not received an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 accompanying that Statement. Accordingly, Applicants request

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that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449, to indicate that the cited documents have been considered.

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